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New Liskeard High School Teachers in Wage Dispute

The New Liskeard High School Board is faced with the problem of hiring nine new teachers before the opening of school in the Fall.

Dr. Russell Fleming, chairman of the New Liskeard Board of Education, is confident that the replacements will be made without too much difficulty.

The teachers have been battling against unsatisfactory wage conditions for the past three years. In January the teachers submitted a salary schedule to the Board asking for a minimum rate of \$3,300, a maximum of \$5,600, an annual increase of 200 for two years and \$300 until the maximum had been reached. Early in February the Board made a counter offer with a \$3,200 minimum, without current teachers receiving this raise, a maximum of \$5,200 and an annual increment of \$200, if merited.

A short time later, after the teachers had told the Board that they had reconsidered the matter and asked for a \$3,200 minimum, a \$6,000 maximum and yearly raises the same as in the first application.

Explaining the offer, the teachers represented truer picture of the staff's worth than did their demands, also said that the tax rate was as high as the rate-payers could stand.

Dr. Fleming said that two have already been hire for next year and "applications for the position have been received in spite of the fact that the Federation blacklisted us."

During the negotiations and salary discussion the New Liskeard Board was divided in opinion regarding the demands of

the teachers. Dr. S. P. Smith made a motion, seconded by Wilf Brotherhood, granting the requested increases, was defeated. The sponsors of the motion said they had investigated the demands and compared to the New Liskeard schedule with that of other towns and found that this town was at the bottom of the 40 per cent of municipalities which did not meet Federation demands.

"We could have avoided all of these resignations if we had moved quicker towards an agreement and I don't know where we are going to get suitable replacements," said Dr. Smith.

Only time can provide the answer to this question.

Aircraft will again play a prominent part in the distribution of fish for the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests in their distribution program, and as many lakes as possible will be stocked by dropping the fish from the air. This modern method of transportation speeds up the distribution to a great extent. Last year 54,000 speckled trout were planted in one day. This number is quite an improvement over the average of 3,000 per day when a truck was used. The aircraft also eliminates a great deal of the back breaking work of carrying fish in pack cans from the road to the lake to be stocked.

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Australia, with about half the population of Canada, has since the Second World War accepted just about the same number of immigrants.

OBITUARY

WILLIAM MCGREGOR

The death occurred of William McGregor in the Misericordia Hospital on April 22 at the age of 66. He was born in Renfrew and lived in North Bay and Gowganda and for the past 45 years has resided in Elk Lake.

Mr. McGregor was a prospector until ill-health forced him to retire.

He was married to the former Mona Stubinski who predeceased him thirty years ago.

He leaves to mourn one daughter, Mrs. Hugh Hadley (Mona) of New Liskeard, formerly of Haileybury, and two grandsons. The funeral was in Holy Cross Church and Rev. Father L. Brunette celebrated Mass.

Pallbearers were Hugh Hadley, Jack O'Grady, Adolph Belanger and Wilf Stubinski.

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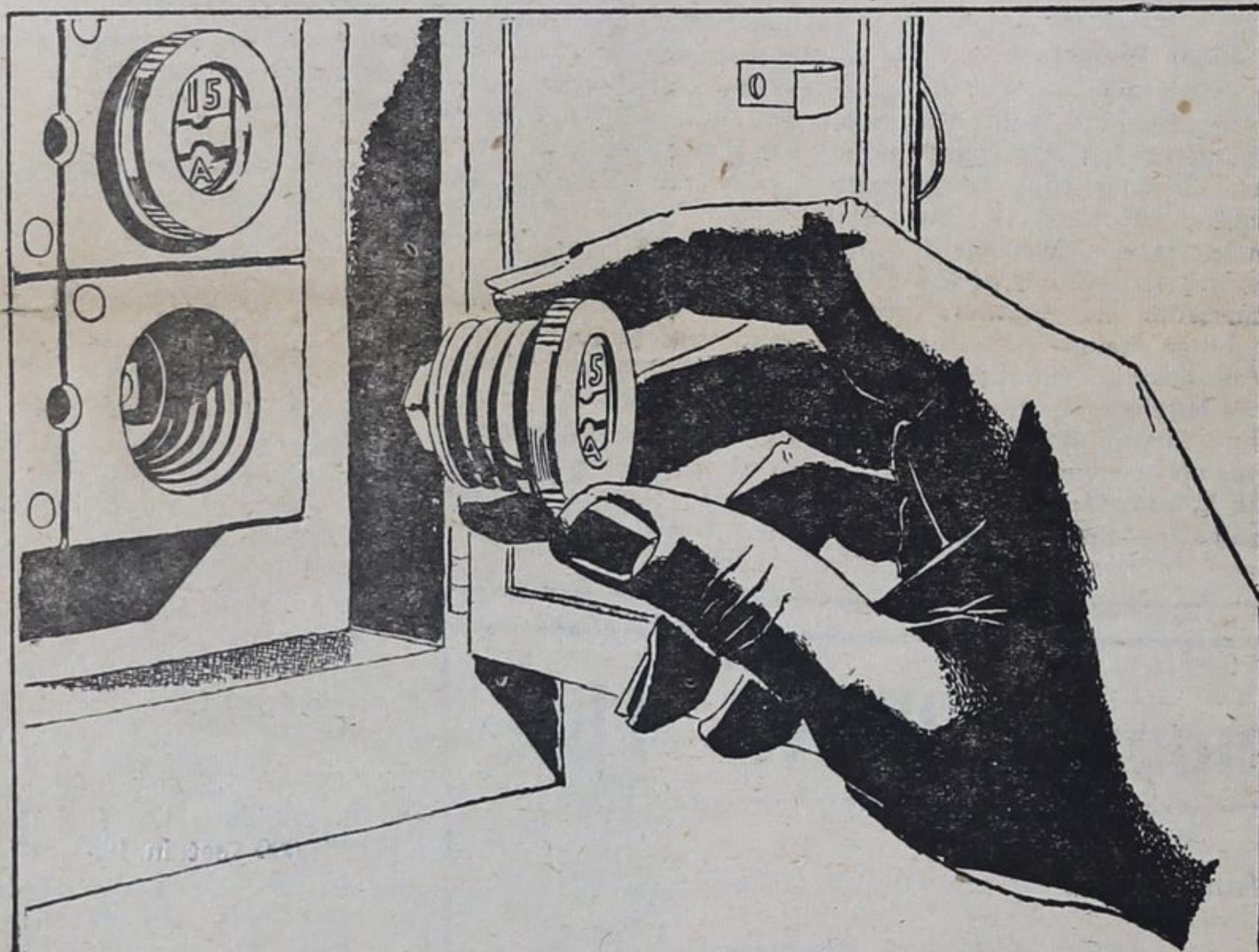
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